

Application No.: 10/614,680
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REMARKS

Claims 22, 23 and 27 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in a related application. The following addresses the substance of the Final Office Action.

Non-obviousness

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of Claims 22, 23 and 27 under 35 USC 35 USC §103(a) as obvious over Gerlich et al. (U.S. Application publication 2002/0032350). Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, to expedite the allowance of the present application, Claims 22, 23 and 27 have been cancelled.

Allowable subject matter

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 2, 3, 5-8, 10-21 and 24-26 are allowed.

CONCLUSION


Applicants have endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Final Office Action. In light of the above amendments and remarks, prompt issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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